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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Christopher H. Evans, et al.

Application No.: 10/086,068

Filed: February 26, 2002

For: SYSTEMIC GENE TREATMENT  
OF CONNECTIVE TISSUE DISEASES

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Art Unit: 1633

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 17, paragraph [0069], line 12, delete the comma after "the". The comma after "the" has been deleted in the following corrected Paragraph [0069]:

[0069] Figure 1 shows a schematic representation of the provirus form of Moloney murine leukemia virus (MoMLV) that is used for the construction of retroviral vectors. The MFG retroviral vector is a simplified MoMVL retroviral vector in which the DNA sequences encoding the *pol* and *env* proteins have been deleted. A cDNA encoding human IRAP (Figure 2) was inserted into the NcoI and BamHI cloning sites of the